

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
PLAYERS' CONCUSSION INJURY
LITIGATION

No. 2:12-md-02323-AB
MDL No. 2323

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:
ALL ACTIONS

Hon. Anita B. Brody

**ORDER IN AID OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT:
RULES GOVERNING QUALIFIED MAF PHYSICIANS**

The goal of the Settlement Agreement is to provide benefits to Settlement Class Members who are eligible for compensation according to its terms, but not pay awards to anyone who is not eligible. Safeguarding the integrity of the claims process is crucial to implementing the Settlement with honor.

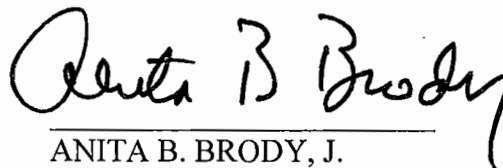
All Settlement Class Members seeking an award should be aware that, to safeguard the integrity of the Settlement Program, a claim must be carefully assessed before the payment of an award. The assessment may include consultations with employers, review of tax filings and other publicly available information, and assessment of the Retired NFL Football Player's engagement in daily living. In some instances, an investigation for fraud or misrepresentation may be warranted.

The neurologists, neurosurgeons and other neuro-specialists selected to serve as Qualified MAF Physicians are approved by both Co-Lead Class Counsel and Counsel for the NFL Parties because of their exemplary education, training, board certifications, experience and credentials in the medical community. Following the provisions of the Settlement Agreement, a Qualified

MAF Physician may render diagnoses of Retired NFL Football Players for the Qualifying Diagnoses that qualify for Monetary Awards (other than Death with CTE) and are the only physicians authorized¹ to make a Qualifying Diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease, Parkinson's Disease, or Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. Each Qualified MAF Physician performs a crucial and indispensable role in the successful implementation of the Settlement Agreement, the provision of Settlement benefits to Retired NFL Football Players and their families, and the correct application of the provisions of the Settlement Agreement.

This Order is entered pursuant to the Court's continuing and exclusive jurisdiction over the implementation and administration of the Class Action Settlement Agreement under Paragraph 17 of the Court's May 8, 2015 Amended Final Order and Judgment (ECF No. 6534) approving the Settlement Agreement.

To implement the Court's Order of January 9, 2019 (ECF No. 10370) regarding the diagnosis by Qualified MAF Physicians of Level 1.5 and Level 2 Neurocognitive Impairment and to facilitate the efficient and successful operation of the network of Qualified MAF Physicians, this 11th day of April, 2019, it is **ORDERED** that the attached Rules Governing Qualified MAF Physicians, developed by the Special Masters and the Claims Administrator, are **ADOPTED**. These Rules may be amended from time to time, with the approval of the Special Masters.


ANITA B. BRODY, J.

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¹ After January 7, 2017.